

HISTORY OF VETERANS BALLPARK 60 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

1838-39: Baseball comes to the United States.

1876: National Baseball League started

1880's: Baseball comes to Lehi and the first team is formed. Baseball is played at the Murdock resort or the Simmons field(site of Lehi High School)

July 1900: Lehi creates the Lehi Park and Pavillion on the current Rodeo arena area including a Baseball Park.

1951: Utah County obtains funds for World War II Memorials in Utah County. Lehi is allocated \$11,371.22 and given to the American Legion to come up with a suitable memorial.

1952: American Legion committees set up with Ruel Evans, Dean Kirkham and Ernest Cedarstrom chosen to coordinate the building of the memorial.

1952: A Baseball field is chosen as the project. Originally it was chosen to be built by the Lehi Elementary, but flooding changed the proposal.

The current Veterans ballpark is purchased from Mrs. LaVerde Kirkham for \$1,500. Lehi City, Utah National Guard, American Legion, Lehi Lions Club and others worked together to create the ballpark.

June 1953: Vet's Ball Park is dedicated and begins a history of Baseball that has scanned 60 years. 24 high power lights are installed at the Park.

1968: Flagpole installed by the American Legion at the time of the Vietnam war.

1974: Restrooms and snack bar facilities were built at the Park by the Lehi Lions Club.

July 4th- Lehi Fire Department present fireworks at the park for over 40 years. Since they have been changed to Thanksgiving Park.

June 2013: Sixty years are celebrated wherein it is

estimated that over 150,000 young men, women and adults have played on the field.